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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Before The Primary Examiner

In re Application of:

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For: SYSTEM FOR THERMAL AND CATALYTIC CRACKING OF CRUDE OIL

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Examiner: J.J. Johnson

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Commissioner for Patents

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RESPONSE

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed September 8, 2004.

Remarks

In the Office Action the Examiner has required restriction between the following groups:

I. Claims 1-12 and 14 (directed to an oil refining system).

II. Claims 13 and 15 (directed to a method of separation).

Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I (i.e. claims 1-12 and 14) for examination in this application.

The Examiner has further required applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution. Pursuant to this requirement, Applicants elect the species of claims 3-5 and 10-12.

The claims which are believed to be readable on the elected species are claims 1 and 2 (generic), 3-5, and 10-12.